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BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition for Extended Area Service From Mayer, Minnesota to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Calling Area

ISSUE DATE: August 29, 1990

DOCKET NO. P-407, 421, 430, 405, 426/CP-88-839

ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSION

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On July 3, 1990, the Commission issued an order in this matter requiring Northwestern Bell Telephone Company (NWB), Contel of Minnesota, Inc. (Contel), Central Telephone Company (Centel), United Telephone Company (United), and Scott-Rice Telephone Company (Scott-Rice) to file cost studies and proposed rates regarding requested Extended Area Service (EAS) from Mayer, Minnesota to the Minneapolis/St. Paul calling area. ORDER REQUIRING FILING OF COST STUDIES AND PROPOSED RATES (July 3, 1990).

On August 2, 1990, NWB and United filed requests for time extensions. NWB requested 45 days; United requested 60 days.

On August 13, 1990, Contel filed a request for a 45 day time extension.

On August 14, 1990, the Commission met to consider these requests.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

The cost studies and proposed rates to be submitted by these companies as well as those to be filed by Centel and Scott-Rice, will be used to establish EAS rates for the Mayer exchange. Customers will be informed of these rates before the Commission polls them to determine whether they favor the installation of the proposed EAS.

According to NWB, it is coordinating efforts with the other affected companies to compile the information needed to calculate costs and propose accurate rates. The companies are cooperative, but much remains to be done. The increased volume resulting from the new route requires joint planning between the companies to assure adequate facilities. Accurate costs and rates will depend upon successful joint efforts pooling information regarding facility costs and requirements, traffic routing, lost toll revenue, and lost foreign exchange revenue.

The Commission is persuaded that granting a time extension for the longer period requested, 60 days, will permit the telephone companies to gather the best information available, enabling them to propose meaningful rates that will provide sound information for customers during the polling. To maintain uniformity of filing dates in this docket, the Commission will grant a 60 day extension to all companies involved.

### **ORDER**

1. Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Contel of Minnesota, Inc., Central Telephone Company, United Telephone Company, and Scott-Rice Telephone Company are each granted a 60 day time extension for filing cost studies and proposed rates regarding proposed EAS from Mayer, Minnesota. The companies shall file their cost studies and proposed rates within 60 days of the date of this Order.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster  
Executive Secretary

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